

MHIB/MDA 2011 Grant Awards

Applicant	Brief Description	County	Award
Maryland Therapeutic Riding, Inc.	Two scholarships for instructors and therapists to upgrade their skills to teach therapeutic riding to special needs riders of all ages.	Anne Arundel	\$1,000
Tuckahoe Equestrian Center Youth Group The Hoof Picks	The Youth Group will host a one day "hands-on with horses" event for the general public on the Eastern Shore.	Caroline	\$500
The Maryland Hay Bank/Gentle Giants Draft Horse Rescue	A unique and innovative program that has the potential to benefit individual horse farm owners in financial distress as well other rescues, sanctuaries, and shelters, the grant will enable the Bank to reach out to more potential recipients.	Carroll	\$2,500
Cecil County Office of Economic Development	As the first county visitors and tourists enter when traveling southbound on I-95, Cecil County welcome centers are the official gateways for Maryland, and this rack card (featuring Maryland equine stats on one side, and Cecil County equine stats on the other, plus trails, events and places to ride in the county) will be the primary equi-tourism marketing piece for Maryland.	Cecil	\$1,017
Fair Hill International	The FHI website is the first interface potential visitors, spectators and tourists have with one of Maryland's premiere equine-tourism/spectator events. With this grant, FHI will do a major overhaul of this website to better attract more visitors and tourists to Maryland and to Fair Hill.	Cecil	\$2,500
League of Maryland Horsemen	The grant will be used for maintenance and expansion of the Patapsco State Park public bridle trails.	Howard/Carroll	\$850
Maryland Horse Council	To do detailed research on how county zoning laws, regulations and enforcement experiences regarding horse farms either reinforce or	Howard	\$2,000
Equestrian Partners In Conservation (EPIC)	EPIC will be expanding the existing Breezy Loop public trail system off of Bucklodge Road in Boyds.	Montgomery	\$2,000

Personal Ponies	Personal Ponies provides a disabled child with a small Shetland Pony (on a free lease arrangement); the child learns to care for and bond with the pony. The organization works with breeders and horse people to raise and train the ponies before matching them with a child; other ponies travel to nursing homes and treatment centers. The grant will be used for upgraded software and training so that the organization can better track the various ponies and their people.	Montgomery	\$1,000
Valerie Ormond, author, Believing in Horses	This grant money will be used to acquire 16 Believing in Maryland books, a children's story set in Maryland and written by a Maryland horse woman. One book will be placed in each of Maryland's County Library Systems.	Prince George's	\$274
University of Maryland Equine Studies Program	For the improvement of the Equine Rotational Grazing Demonstration Site, which researches best pasture management practices for equine health and the health of the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The site hosts public education programs for horse farm owners.	Prince George's	\$3,000
Eastern Shore Jousting Association of Maryland	In addition to being used for Maryland's official state sport, this jury stand will travel extensively around the Eastern Shore for use at 4-H shows, horse shows, fire company parades, in addition to demonstrating the sport of jousting at general audience events.	Queen Anne's	\$1,000
LEAD Maryland Foundation, Inc.	LEAD Maryland, Inc. is a two year leadership program for professional adults in the various ag-industries (including the horse industry), providing cross education of the various ag commodity groups as well as introduction to the public legislative and regulatory processes. The grant will be used for the education session in Annapolis about the Maryland General Assembly.	Queen Anne's	\$1,000
Pony Express 4-H Club	The new PA system would be by the club, by the county fair and by three other horse clubs.	Queen Anne's	\$1,500
University of Maryland Cooperative Extension	A three-part education program, including a CD and a brochure, will be developed about the horse industry on the Lower Eastern Shore.	Somerset	\$1,300
TOTAL			\$21,441